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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION
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SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction Election of Species dated July 1, 2003, applicants submits as follows:

Applicants elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1-13 and 17-18) for further prosecution in the above captioned application.

Applicants also elects the species B of Fig. 4, on which claims 1-3, 7-8, 10-13 and 17-18 read.

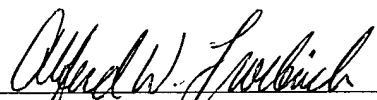
Claims 14-16 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

It is respectfully submitted that at least claim 1 is generic. Each of the embodiments shown in Figs. 3 and 4 include the plurality of cooling conduits recited in independent claim 1. Upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant is entitled to consideration of all withdrawn claims that are dependent on the allowable generic claim or otherwise include the limitations of the generic claim.

Applicants reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application prior to issuance of a patent on the instant application.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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